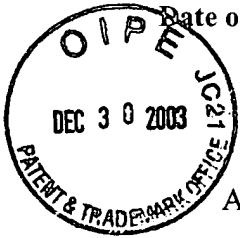


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time to respond to the July 30, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, this Response is due on or before December 30, 2003. A check in the amount of \$210.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23239-301A. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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